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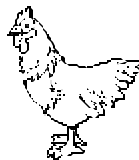
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady at best, mostly barely steady to weak. Demand was slow to fair with first of the month business disappointing, and buying activity limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient and often discounted to help clear. Due to adverse weather in parts of the South, particularly northern Alabama, some plants cancelled production or reduced schedules. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. Availability was at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 63.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.75 cents last year on February 07, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.50
BREASTS - B/S	125.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00
LEG QUARTERS	27.50
WINGS	88.00

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WESTERN The market tone remained barely steady. Offerings ample. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Parts about steady except wings which fell seasonally.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive as dealers remained cautious and limited purchases to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available with spot discounting noted where product was in excess. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, and bone-in breasts were at least sufficient and increasing in availability at some locations. Legs were adequate and leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were ample.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was about steady, undertone weak. Offerings of additional product were mixed with heavier sized product more available. Buyer interest was limited and selective. Retail demand continued to struggle with many players discouraged by the lack of first of the month business. Food service movement was irregular, light to occasionally fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate with weights in a desirable range. Trading on parts items was spotty with sellers cautious and disinterested for the most part. Supplies of all items were adequate or available. Wings and boneless/skinless breasts were in the longest position. The market tone was unsettled, undertone weak on wings and boneless/skinless breasts and steady on leg quarters.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was slow to moderate, best for retail features and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. Due to inclement weather in the South, spot plants in parts of northern Alabama either canceled production or worked reduced schedules. In the parts structure, trading was mixed with all items irregularly available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 02/02/02	2002	2001
EGGS SET	186,292	178,493
CHICKS PLACED	146,627	144,793
19 STATES		
EGGS SET	208,528	-
CHICKS PLACED	165,986	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 2, 2002. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 2, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through February 2, 2002 were 744 million, up 4 percent the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 2, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 2, 2002.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Mar-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.08 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEBRUARY 06, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	718	103.00-175.00	105-115	119.75
TENDERLOINS	266	105.00-190.00	105-110	119.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	59.00-63.00	59-61	60.50
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	36.00-46.00	36-38	36.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	366	23.00-27.00	23-24	23.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,199	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	73.00-93.00	87-90	89.53
WINGS (CUT)	410	91.00-104.00	94-98	94.68
DRUMSTICKS	67	46.00-49.50	-	46.37
THIGHS	27	46.00-50.50	-	47.17
B/S THIGHS	55	82.00-87.00	-	83.82

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	832	103.00-175.00	115-120	116.94
TENDERLOINS	150	105.00-190.00	105-110	124.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	59.00-63.00	59-60	59.70
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	36.00-46.00	36-38	36.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	486	22.50-27.00	23-25	23.67
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,210	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	515	72.00-90.00	-	81.32
WINGS (CUT)	409	90.00-105.00	91-93	93.90
DRUMSTICKS	67	46.00-49.50	-	46.37
THIGHS	27	46.00-50.50	-	47.17
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.50 - 44.50	41.59	40.25 - 44.50	41.84	41.82

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was very light during midweek trading as dealers remained cautious and kept floorstocks in close balance with the limited demand. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate. Bone-in breasts were at least sufficient and noted as increasing in availability. Leg quarters ranged adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings, barely steady to instances weak on bone-in breasts and no better than steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

FEBRUARY 05, 2002

FEBRUARY 06, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	116.20	412,500
TENDERLOINS	100	102.02	75,550
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	64.25	189,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	57.10	161,800
LEGS	38-39	40.13	183,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.00	583,467
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.27	139,730
THIGHS	28-29	36.21	117,930
B/S THIGHS	85-86	84.19	79,050
WINGS (WHOLE)	79-80	81.60	449,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	26,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	23.58	17,580
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	51.53	33,070

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	117.40	357,490
TENDERLOINS	100	102.33	64,860
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.44	226,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	57.16	207,120
LEGS	38-39	41.19	106,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.86	567,139
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	39.15	163,960
THIGHS	28-29	36.09	90,120
B/S THIGHS	85-86	83.12	82,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	87.07	322,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.59	45,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.57	15,570
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.21	35,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/06	02/05	02/04	02/01	02/04
ALA	3,774	4,052	4,073	3,918	5.04
ARK	5,284	5,403	5,211	5,049	4.99
DELMARVA	2,348	2,231	2,316	2,312	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,008	1,958	1,983	2,253	4.55
MISS	2,752	2,734	2,758	2,761	5.27
NC	2,594	2,643	2,524	3,035	5.95
TEXAS	2,186	2,364	2,183	2,319	5.31
TOTAL	20,946	21,385	21,048	21,647	5.16
MON-WED 63,827(A)					39.83

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Feb 02 and is estimated to be 31,338,000 up 0.29 percent from a week ago and up 2.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,248,000; last year 30,554,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-94
	DRY PACK 95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94-98
	DRY PACK -
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING FEB 9-02

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/09/02 (1)	02/02/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	159,459 (2)	158,969
LT HENS	2,029	2,173
HVY HENS	1,293	1,362
CHECK TOTAL	162,781	162,504

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Feb-02 is 157.2 million head compared to 154.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.8 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 16-Feb-02 the estimated available is 155.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 04-Feb-02	113,268	71,872
AM 1-Jan-02	77,538	71,974
CHG	35,730	-102
PCT CHG	46	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/04/02	01/28/02	02/05/01	02/04/02	01/28/02	02/05/01
PACIFIC COAST	5,279	5,329	4,744	3,469	3,490	5,964
LOS ANGELES	137	177	124	2,152	2,085	2,208

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 2/05/02			FOR 2/05/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.65	.85	.78	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	4.25
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.80	.90	.85	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.05	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.00	4.75
BROILERS lb.	-	.95	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	4.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	.60	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.55	1.28	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	4.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	9.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.75	1.60	1.36	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.40	1.60	1.55	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	6.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.50	7.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	-	2.00
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 89

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 1, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/		
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	44.62	128.91	74.37	19.83	19.83	39.66
High	59.50	138.83	84.29	24.79	24.79	39.66
Mostly	59.50	128.91	79.33	19.83	19.83	39.66

SAN JUAN

Low	44.62	123.95	69.41	24.79	14.87	44.62
High	58.01	133.87	84.29	29.75	17.35	44.62
Mostly	58.01	128.91	79.33	27.27	16.36	44.62

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	44.62	123.95	74.37	14.87	19.83	42.14
High	59.50	133.87	84.29	24.79	24.79	42.14
Mostly	59.50	123.95	74.37	19.83	19.83	42.14

BECERRA

Low	47.10	123.95	69.41	22.31	12.40	42.14
High	59.50		128.91	84.29	34.71	17.35
42.14 Mostly	59.50	126.43	79.33	27.27	14.87	42.14

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited mainly to shipments of standing commitments. Seller offerings were readily available and spot sales were usually at highly competitive price levels. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. In the parts complex, all cuts were at least adequate for the disappointingly light buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	46-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.57
NO. OF BOXES	10,258

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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